<u>PATENT APPLICATION</u> IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Applicant: Ana Maria CASTANO-MANSANET et al Group Art Unit: 1625

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT & SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114

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Sir:

Introductory Comments

Applicants request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 114. Applicants include the following remarks and amendments in compliance with requirements set forth in 37 C.F.4. § 114(c), and in response to the Office Action dated April 10, 2008.

Please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.